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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Perleberg

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DATE OF CONTENT 7 December 1951 to 2 January 1952

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31 January 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Prior to the end of December 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse, Perleberg (M 54/T 70), was occupied by troops. The troops were seen daily leaving the installation in small groups, and were equipped with carbines, AT rifles, light machine guns, heavy machine guns on wooden wheels and light mortars. T-34 tanks and vehicles were identified on 2 January 1952. 25X1
2. At the end of December 1951, source determined that Unit in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne west of Perleberg was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Drapachenko (fnu) who had succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Pivovarov (fnu). 25X1
3. On 2 January 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lindenstrasse was occupied to capacity. Small groups received individual drill and field training, and 16 soldiers practiced with four 80-mm mortars. 25X1
4. On 2 January 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne west of the town quartered an army unit. Tank No 463 and an SP gun were seen en route to the former air base. Germans employed at the airfield said that there were usually about 1,000 troops at roll calls in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. Tanks were seen in garages and bays. 25X1
5. On 12 December 1951, source observed that the uniformed women quartered in the restricted Bayerteich area were transferred to the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, and that furniture was unloaded from trucks in the restricted area.
6. On 7 December 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and some, black-bordered black epaulets. About 100 troops with red-bordered black epaulets received drill in the barracks yard, where 2 T-34/85 tanks, 4 x 122-mm artillery pieces and 4 x 37-mm AT guns were parked. 25X1

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7. On 14 December 1951, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, 2 km west of Perleberg, was occupied to capacity. Sentries and numerous officers entering and leaving the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets. No movements or equipment were noticed at the landing field.

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Comment. Except for the statement that 122-mm artillery pieces were seen in the Artillerie Kaserne, the information indicates no changes at the Perleberg military post over reports of November 1951 by the same and other sources. Another source previously reported having seen a 122-mm gun also in Parchim, although the 1054th How Arty Regt of the 13th Hecz Div is carried at Ludwigslust. As the appearance of such guns at all three posts of the division is unlikely, there have probably been errors in observation at the Perleberg and Parchim posts. Same source reported Lieutenant Colonel Drapachenko (fnu) to have succeeded Lieutenant Colonel Pivovarov (fnu) in early December 1951.

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